



# The Omicron Delta Kappa LEADER

Fall 2006

*"To Recognize Leaders Among Leaders"*

## Dr. Fourney, ODK Advisor, Awarded President's Medal

By Timothy Lee

**O**n September 26, 2006, **Dr. Bill Fourney**, one of the faculty advisors to the Sigma Circle, received the President's Medal at the 23rd Annual Faculty and Staff Convocation. The President's Medal, which recognizes outstanding University achievement and advancement, is the highest honor that can be given to a member of the University of Maryland community.

Dr. Fourney's contributions to the University are numerous, and his efforts to improve the A. James Clark School of Engineering cannot be ignored. In his 11-year tenure as Chair of Aerospace Engineering, he has led the undergraduate and graduate programs into the nation's top 10, increased research expenditures, and consistently recruited the brightest minds to College Park. As Associate Dean for Facilities, he assisted with the development of the Jeong H. Kim Engineering Building along with improvements and renovations for several other campus buildings, including Preinkert Field House. The Kim Engineering Building is a tremendous boon for the Clark School of Engineering. Already a campus landmark, it offers state-of-the-art facilities and promotes cross-disciplinary learning. He has twice been awarded the Clark School Outstanding Service Award, both in 1997 and 2004.

However great Dr. Fourney's accomplishments are for improving the campus, they are surpassed when recognizing his interest in the people of the University of

Maryland. He is highly regarded among aerospace engineering students, faculty, and staff alike. "He is a strong professor and advisor whose personality shows that he enjoys maintaining personal interest in both students and faculty," says senior aerospace engineer Chris Plumley, Secretary of Maryland's chapter of the American Institute

of Aeronautics and Astronautics (AIAA). His personal dedication to attending AIAA meetings is

a clear example of his desire to know and understand Clark School students. This

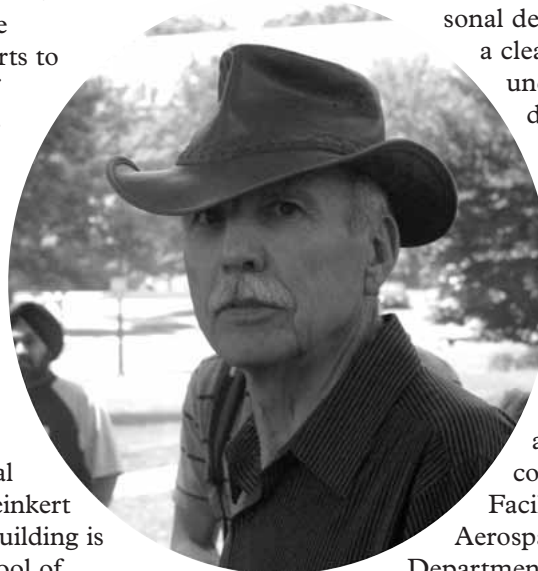
desire is also reflected in the various awards he has garnered over the years, including UMCP Outstanding

Contributions to Seniors (1995), UMCP Outstanding Teacher Award (1996), and Aerospace Engineering Professor of the Year Award (2001).

Earlier this year, Dr. Fourney stepped down as Chair of Aerospace Engineering, but his love for campus - and its students - clearly remains. He continues to serve as Associate Dean for Facilities and as a professor in the

Aerospace and Mechanical Engineering Departments. He remains faculty advisor to Maryland's chapter of Tau Beta Pi, the Engineering Honor Society.

We of Omicron Delta Kappa Sigma Circle proudly congratulate Dr. Bill Fourney on such a conspicuous honor. His efforts are a resounding example of campus leadership, and we are proud to have his guidance as Sigma Circle faculty advisor.



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## Message from the President

By Sigma Circle President, Diana Newsom

Dear ODK Alumni,

I hope this letter finds you well and enjoying the fall season! It is a vibrant semester for ODK here at Maryland, and I continue to be amazed at the results of collaboration among our University's student leaders.

The Sigma Circle certainly will be a strong presence on campus this year. We recently participated in the



First Look Fair which exposes the new students to many campus organizations. We are beginning to advertise for ODK's Top Ten Freshmen and Sophomore Leader of the Year awards, and hopefully, we are encouraging rising leaders towards recognizing their leadership potential. As we remember those who inspired us to get involved early, we must likewise inspire and challenge others to find their place to make an impact!

The essence of ODK is bringing together the campus leaders among leaders from all arenas. This semester, we are again ensuring that this broad spectrum of campus leaders receives the recognition they deserve. Right now, our body of members shines because we come from a diverse array of fields of study. When our group combines forces and discusses how to better serve our fellow students, the campus, and the community, the results are amazing! One way in which we will show

our care for the community is by participating in November's Walk for the Homeless on the National Mall.

As we gear up for the approaching selection meeting, we hope that our Circle will become even more versatile. I anticipate that applicants will be as strong as ever! To celebrate leadership with us, I do hope that you are able to come to Maryland for Homecoming Weekend. Touching base with friends, remembering good times, and making new memories is invaluable.

Each day as I walk by the fountain at the center of our beloved campus, I am reminded that I must do my part as a leader. I am also reminded of my fellow Sigma Circle members and how they inspire me. And of course, I am reminded that there is no better time to be a Terp!

All the best,  
Diana Newsom

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## REKNOWN AUTHOR AND JOURNALIST, THOMAS FRIEDMAN, ODK FALL SPEAKER

By Lainie Scudder

Thomas Friedman, a world-renowned author and journalist, is the author of this year's First Year Book, *The World is Flat*. Each year since 1993, the University has carefully selected a book to recommend for all first year students. The goal of the First Year Book Program is to connect all new students by providing intellectual opportunities to discuss the book and its meaning through a wide variety of activities. Several events are sponsored on campus throughout the year, ultimately culminating with an address

by the author or another prominent figure.

This year, ODK, along with the First Year Book Program, is pleased to sponsor a lecture by the three-time Pulitzer Prize-winning columnist, and author of the National Book Award-winning book *From Beirut to Jerusalem*, Thomas Friedman. This highly anticipated lecture, as part of our ODK Lecture Series, will take place on November 1, 2006 at 2:00pm in Tawes Theatre.

The *World is Flat* is Friedman's  
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## Message from the Faculty Secretary

By Sigma Circle Faculty Secretary, Jim Osteen

### Greetings from College Park!

It has been a wonderful start to the fall semester on campus, and the Sigma Circle has a great schedule of events. The



officers had a planning meeting before school started and set some very ambitious goals for the year. As Faculty Secretary, I continue to be amazed at the quality of student leadership we have at the University of Maryland.

The Sigma Circle alumni were very supportive this past year. There was a tremendous response to the fundraising campaign initiat-

ed by last year's Scholarship Chair, **Joel Willcher**. As you can see elsewhere in this issue of the *Leader*, there were 72 contributors to ODK during the past year. I am very appreciative of each and every one of these gifts. The funds go to support the lecture programs, the scholarship program, and other activities of the Circle. Please consider making a contribution in the coming weeks if you have not already done so. Your contributions this year will also count toward the goals of the University's upcoming Great Expectations capital campaign, which is slated to kick off in the next few weeks.

There are two special events to note on your calendars. First, I would love to see as many ODK alumni as possible join us for the Homecoming Reception. This will be the third year Vice President **Linda Clement** has hosted a re-

ception for former and current student leaders. Join us two hours before kick-off in the Prince George's Room of the Stamp Student Union. Second, we are excited to announce that *New York Times* columnist and author of *The World is Flat*, Thomas Friedman, will be the first ODK lecturer this fall. He will be speaking in Tawes Theatre at 2:00 p.m. on November 1, 2006. Please join us if you can.

For those of you who graduated in the last two years, you will be pleased to know that your names are now on the fountain. You join the nearly 4,000 other members of Omicron Delta Kappa at Maryland in being honored this way. Check it out when you return for the Homecoming Reception.

Best wishes for the remainder of the fall semester.

*Jim Osteen*

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account of the great changes taking place in our time - globalization, the moving centers of business, and the development and enhancement of new existing technologies. He focuses such advancements in technology and communications that allow people all over the globe to be in touch as never before. With this book, the University hopes students will begin to question how, as the leaders of tomorrow, they can participate in the emerging global economy. In 2005, *The World is Flat* was given the first Financial Times and Goldman Sachs Business Book of the Year Award, and Friedman was named one of America's Best Leaders by *U.S. News & World Report*.

## PLEASE JOIN US FOR HOMECOMING

**H**omecoming Weekend 2006 is the perfect opportunity to reconnect with fellow ODK alumni and cheer on the Terps! **Linda Clement**, Vice President for Student Affairs, cordially invites you to the 3rd Annual Student Leadership Celebration on October 21, 2006. The celebration, which will be held two hours prior to the Homecoming football game, will honor Maryland student leadership. Join past and present student leaders and Student Affairs staff in the Prince George's room of Stamp

Student Union. Please bring your family and friends. Fun will include a buffet and a raffle for Maryland items! Game time will be posted online at [www.umterps.com](http://www.umterps.com). In addition, we hope you will come and enjoy the Homecoming Parade on Friday, October 20th, at 4:00 pm. If you have questions, please contact Brooke Lecky Supple at 301-314-8430 or [bsupple@umd.edu](mailto:bsupple@umd.edu).

Please RSVP online at [www.studentaffairs.umd.edu/leaders](http://www.studentaffairs.umd.edu/leaders)



# ODK LECTURE SERIES CONTINUES ITS OUTSTANDING SUCCESS

By Jim Osteen

The William L. Thomas Lecture of the Omicron Delta Kappa Leadership Lecture Series scheduled for this fall featuring Thomas Friedman, *New York Times* columnist and author of this year's first year book *The World is Flat*, will be the thirteenth lecture since the program was started in 2000 by former ODK Faculty Secretary **Dru Bagwell**. And, with the Friedman lecture the series has certainly come into its own as a major program offering for the campus.

The first lecture in the fall of 2000 was Carlos E. Cortés, an award winning author educator, and lecturer whose topic was "Leaders as Bridge Builders in a 21st Century Multi-Cultural America." He spoke to a packed room in the Stamp Student Union and was very well-received.

One of the more memorable lectures was by playwright Moisés Kaufman, whose play was the focus of a highly visible protest by anti-homosexual propagandist Fred Phelps of Topeka, Kansas. Mr. Kaufman wrote the play *The Laramie Project* which chronicled the aftermath of the murder of Matthew Shepard. There were two days of protest during the performance of his play in the Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center. The lecture, which was held in that same

facility a bit later in the semester, was not protested. It was, however, followed by a reception where ODK students were able to meet the playwright and talk with him about his work and about the kinds of protests that have followed the performance of his play.

Over the past two years the lecture series has been enhanced tremendously by the generous gift of ODK alumnus **Bob Yellowlees**. He has underwritten the full costs for two lectures each year in a special series called Lessons in Leadership. In this series, which is integrated into the full schedule of lectures, the speakers are all current or former heads of major corporations or other organizations. They are asked to come to campus to share lessons in leadership they learned during their careers. In lieu of an honorarium, three one-year scholarships are given in their names. The response to this program has been very positive - both from the speakers who are honored to be asked to participate and from students and other people on campus who have found the lectures insightful and enlightening.

Thanks to Bob Yellowlees and all the other alumni who have given so generously to make the lecture program the success that it is today.

The full list of the lectures to date is provided here:

Carlos E. Cortés (11/8/00) author, educator, and lecturer on multiculturalism

Candice DeLong (2/28/02) FBI agent and author

Ada Maria Isasi-Diaz (4/16/02) liberation theologian

Moisés Kaufman (11/5/02) playwright and director of *The Laramie Project*

Derrick Bell (4/22/04) author, law professor, and expert on *Brown v. Board of Education*

Kent C. "Oz" Nelson (9/21/04) former Chairman and CEO of United Parcel Service

General Edwin H. Burba, Jr. (4/12/05) former head U.S. Army's Forces Command

John Waters (4/28/05) Baltimore filmmaker

Juan Williams (11/1/05) NPR journalist and author on Thurgood Marshall

Ambassador Joseph Wilson (11/10/05) former U.S. Ambassador to Iraq and author

Norman R. Augustine (2/22/06) Chairman and former CEO of Lockheed Martin

Walter Isaacson (4/12/06) Aspen Institute, former editor of Time and head of CNN

Thomas Friedman (11/1/06) *NY Times* columnist and author of *The World is Flat*



Walter Isaacson with ODKers **Derrick Pfeiffer, Sammy Popat, Jim Osteen, Lainie Scudder, Dru Bagwell, Joel Willcher, and Emily Guskin** at spring ODK lecture.



## PASSING THE TORCH OF LEADERSHIP TO THE NEXT GENERATION

In the past year alumni and friends of the Sigma Circle donated \$13,605 to support the lecture program, scholarships, and other activities of Omicron Delta Kappa. In addition 44 alumni and friends made donations to the Omicron Delta Kappa Foundation. For information on making a contribution, see the enclosed envelope.

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## NEW NAMES ENGRAVED ON THE OMICRON DELTA KAPPA FOUNTAIN

By Stephanie Altamirano

**C**ongratulations! On Thursday, August 24, 2006, ODK members inducted from 2004-2006 had their names forever engraved on the famous Omicron Delta Kappa fountain on McKeldin Mall, officially "leaving their mark on the University of Maryland."

Adding newly inducted members' names is something that happens once every two to three years, so those inducted in the Fall 2004 class have been awaiting this mo-

ment. Others, such as those inducted in the Spring 2006, have been very lucky to see their names displayed on campus after only a few short months.

With the ODK fountain becoming more popular, many of these new names are sure to be noticed. With the fall just beginning and the winter soon approaching, this would be a great time to visit the fountain and find your name!



## ODK SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM CONTINUES TO ENCOURAGE LEADERSHIP

By Joe Williams

With increasing donations to the Sigma Circle of ODK, the Circle is continuing to offer scholarships to incoming freshman at the University of Maryland. Beginning in the 1980s, ODK has offered scholarships each year to talented applicants in conjunction with the Office of Undergraduate Admissions. These scholarships are offered to students who show ODK leadership characteristics in high school. Many of the

students were very active in their high school's student government, arts programs, and community service activities.

This past year, the Sigma Circle of ODK offered five scholarships to incoming freshmen, totaling \$1,000 each. This financial addition for these students can be extremely helpful and beneficial to their overall college decision. In addition, the offering of this scholarship helps the University ensure that more and more talented

leaders are enrolling at the University of Maryland.

ODK will continue to offer scholarships for incoming freshmen leaders. We urge all friends of ODK to help continue the University's successful enrollment of young leaders by contributing to the scholarship fund. We can all continue to pass the torch of leadership to the next generation through our collective efforts.

## RE-DEDICATION OF THE CAMPUS RECREATION CENTER

By Kelli Valdez

On October 20, 2006 the Campus Recreation Center at the University of Maryland will be officially renamed the Geary F. Eppley Recreation Center. The naming of the recreation center appropriately honors **Geary F. Eppley** (1895-1978), who served the University in a variety of capacities. His distinguished Maryland career includes stints as professor, track coach, Athletic Director, and Dean of Men.

Geary Eppley received his

Bachelor of Science degree from what was at the time the Maryland Agricultural College in 1920. As a student, he was intimately involved with campus affairs. A member of numerous honor societies and student organizations, he was an established and accomplished student leader. He received his Master of Science in 1926, coached the track team from 1924-1941, was named the Director of Athletics in 1935, and was appointed to the position Dean of Men in

1936. Ultimately, Geary Eppley left an indelible mark on the University and the surrounding community.

Omicron Delta Kappa is honored to join the University in honoring this fellow ODK alumnus who made a positive impact on this campus for over fifty years. ODK alumni **Jack Heise** and **Logan Schutz** were two of the folks responsible for initiating this honor for Eppley.

## TWO ODK ALUMNI AWARDED ODK FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS

By Lainie Scudder

Every year, the National Omicron Delta Kappa Foundation awards 18 \$1,000 scholarships to active members. The scholarship process is extremely competitive; applicants typically have at least a 3.5 GPA on top of staggering amounts of leadership experience. This past year, 2005-2006, two of the Sigma Circle's very own members, **Nanda Srikantiah** and **Joe Williams**, were selected from a very impressive pool of over 70 applicants from across the country to receive ODK Foundation Scholarships.

Nanda will be attending the London School of Economics this fall for a Master's degree in Development Studies. She is interested in studying legal institutions and economic development. Nanda hopes to attend law school after her Master's degree so as to combine her interests in international law and economic development.

Joe, who was also honored as the Col. J. Logan Schutz Leader of the Year for 2005-2006 and is currently serving as our Region II Director for

ODK, is a full-time graduate student at the University's School of Public Policy, with a concentration on finance, management, and leadership. He hopes to graduate this upcoming May with a degree in Public Policy. Joe is also a Graduate Assistant for the Office of Undergraduate Admissions at the University.

On behalf of the Sigma Circle at the University of Maryland, congratulations to a pair of very distinguished ODK alumni, Nanda and Joe!



## ODK ALUMNI IN THE NEWS

Thanks to all of you who keep us informed of your activities. If we haven't heard from you recently, drop us a note. As always, we particularly want to hear from those of you who graduated between 1927 and 1976. You may use the form on the back of the newsletter or send your updates on the web at WWW.ODK.UMD.EDU

Please forgive us if the information below is a little dated. It is very difficult to have up-to-date news when we only publish our newsletter twice a year. But here is what we have and we hope you enjoy reading about your friends.

**Judson Lincoln '43**, has finished and published, *The Genealogy of Thomas Lincoln*, tracing his ancestors back to



**Judson Lincoln '43** and his wife, Barbara

1553. He is presently active in the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) and the Military Officers Association of America (MOAA). He and his wife, Barbara, are enjoying life in Florida. They love to travel and enjoy their 14 grandchildren and one great grandson. He also sadly reports that he has recently been diagnosed with the early stages of Lewybody Dementia, which makes walking and retrieving words difficult. But he does say that his intellect is OK. [Judson, our thoughts and prayers are with you.]

**Bernie Walter '63**, has been elected to the American Baseball Coaches Association Hall of Fame, which recognizes the very best leaders for their outstanding contributions to baseball. Bernie has been the Athletic Director and Baseball Coach at Arundel High School for 32 years, and he is only the third coach inducted into the Hall of Fame from Maryland. Under his guidance, Arundel has won a record-setting nine Maryland State Baseball Championships, a World Championship, and he is a three-time National Coach of the Year. He has coached 55 former or current

major leaguers, including Denny Neagle, Mike Mussina, and John Smoltz. [Congratulations Bernie! You deserve this recognition for your dedication to helping young men grow and learn for many years!]

**Stewart Block '68**, has been counsel in the Office of General Counsel for the Federal Communications Commission since 1995. Before that, he was in private practice in antitrust and telecommunications law.

**Paul Beighley '69**, currently teaches US history and religion in the prison system for the Southside Virginia Community College. A United Methodist pastor in Virginia for 36 years and a prison chaplain for five, he received his M.Div. from Wesley Theological Seminary in DC. He entered the ministry of the United Methodist Church following his graduation from Maryland and Cornell, where he received an MA in History. He has been married to his wife Dorcas for 30 years and has one daughter.

**Dr. Paul T. Barrett '74**, just completed a research project related to the effects of group coaching on executive health and team effectiveness. He will present the results at the International Leadership Association (ILA) conference in Chicago on November 1. He and his wife, Diane, continue to be proud of their twins - Lance completing his first year in law school and Kacey who is working on her Master's degree in Environmental Science and Policy. With his own PhD in Organizational Leadership, Paul believes that his "years in the Sigma Circle of ODK helped to form the path he chose in both work and family life." [Paul, congratulations on your research, and we agree with your assessment of the impact of ODK on

the lives of many of us. Thanks!]

**Rev. Dr. Rusty Hesse '76**, had his second book *Cooking with the Bible*, recently published by Greenwood Press. The book features "dinner with King David" and other biblical luminaries, selecting meals mentioned in the Bible and providing recipes to go with the story. His first book was *We Thank You, God, For These: Blessings and Prayers for Family Pets*. Rusty is a graduate of both Union Theological Seminary and The General Theological Seminary, recently completing his doctoral work in liturgy and philosophy of religion at the New York Theological Seminary. He currently is an ordained Episcopal priest serving a parish in New Rochelle, New York. [Rusty, we can't wait to try "Rebekah's Tasty Lamb Stew" and "Goat's Milk and Pomegranate Syrup Torte"!!!]

**Audrey Bergman Gajus '77**, and her husband Bill, have had a lot of highs and lows over the past year. Hurricane Wilma hit them hard (they live in Parkland, Florida), doing a lot of damage to both their home and their business, Play Away preschool. But then Ben, their son, was Bar Mitzvah, and attending this wonderful event was ODKer **Rabbi Darryl Crystal '79**. To get away from all of the excitement, they have taken cruises to the Grand Caymans, Honduras, Belize, Mexico, and then later to Hawaii. [Congratulations Audrey to the entire family.]

**Lou Magazzu '79**, has been elected First Vice President of the New Jersey Association.

**Lloyd ('82) and Linda Rachbach ('83) Eisenberg**, have three children aged 18, 16, and 12. After years of extended mothering leave, Linda



joined Lloyd's law practice where they are finally able to use the double pen stand they received in honor of their law school graduations! [Lloyd and Linda, we're hoping that the children aged 18 and 16 are planning to be Terrapins!!!]

**Eric Young '89**, was recently cited and quoted in the book *Become the CEO of You, Inc.*, by Susan Bulkeley Butler.

**Stuart Ritter '89**, his wife, Chris, and his daughter, Samantha, are thrilled to announce that on July 14, 2006, Nathaniel Robert Ritter joined their family. [How wonderful Stuart! Congratulations to all of you!!]

**Dan Curry '91**, is working for an independent telecom consulting company, which involves a lot of time on the road. But, he reports that life and family are all well. [We're very proud of you Dan!]

**Gerald Wells '91**, is a partner in DLA Piper Rudnick Gray Cary's Atlanta office, where he practices corporate law and focuses on counseling companies with franchising, licensing, and distribution programs.

**Dr. Michael Martirano '92**, was appointed to the position of Superintendent of Schools for St.



Two ODK Alumni, Congressman **Steny Hoyer '63** and **Dr. Michael Martirano '92**, at an event to support after-school programs

Mary's County Public School System (Maryland) in July of 2005. His daughter, Maria, is completing her freshman year at the University of

Maryland. [We agree with you, Mike, that we hope to welcome Maria into ODK in a couple of years!]

**Monica Boner '92**, has been named as the "Rotarian of the Year" by the Rotary Club of Washington, D.C., and was presented with the award at the Congressional Country Club in



**Monica Boner '92** and a friend in Bali

July. And, what is even more impressive is that Monica is the first woman (since the founding in 1912) to receive this prestigious honor. To celebrate, she headed off to Singapore for two and a half months, to visit friends in Malaysia, do some ziplining in Borneo, and visit Shanghai and Korea on her way home. [What a tremendous honor for an absolutely fabulous woman! Congratulations Monica on this well deserved award!!!! Hope you had fun on your trip.]

**Dave Patrician '93**, had a wonderful opportunity over the summer to live in Germany and cover the World Cup for WDR (German) television. He even planned to return to Germany this fall for another year. You can even check out some of his reports online at <http://www.wdr.de/studio/koeln/lokalzeit/aktion/wm/ami/index.jhtml>.

**Meg Crosby '94**, has been living in San Francisco for eight years, where she recruits software engineers at Google. She writes that "I'm not sure how a journalism major got into technical recruiting." [We can help you with that, Meg - it's because you do terrific work at any job you undertake!!]

**Ken Hall '94**, living in Oregon, has a son entering the 7th grade and a daughter entering her junior year of high school and beginning to look at universities. [Hey Ken, we have a suggestion for a great University located on the east coast!!!]

**Dr. Katharine Pawelko '94**, is enjoying life at Western Illinois University, where she is among the senior, tenured faculty in her department, Recreation, Park and Tourism. She leads a course in outdoor resource management that is run by a consortium of five universities in the Great Smoky Mts. National Park. She loves working with the students and the chance to work with her UMCP doctoral mentor, who is now on the faculty at Penn State (one school in the consortium.) This past summer she supervised undergraduate interns, which was a "nice change of pace from the classroom." And, if this doesn't keep her busy, she is taking advantage of gardening and renovating her home. [Sounds like the students are the big winners here, Kathie, by getting to learn from you!]

**Paul Mandell '95**, was named Alumnus of the Year by Maryland chapter of Pi Sigma Alpha, the National Political Science Honor Society.

**Laura Milani Burke '96**, and her husband Adam, welcomed their third child into the world on April 3, 2006. Baby Adam David Burke joins his big sisters, Madeleine and Chloe.

**Jill Rudick Steller '96**, husband Jordan and son Jack, welcome twins Jeff and Judd to the family, born on April 14, 2006. [Congrats Jill. Is there a "J" thing going on here?]

**Michael Lipitz '96**, has left Maryland's Athletic Department to accept a position as the Chief Operating Officer for the Orange Bowl Committee in Miami. [Congratulations Michael. We're very



proud of you. Now how about some tickets for next New Year????]

**Craig Tucci '97**, after spending several years in Europe running a fashion company and doing a lot of consulting, has moved to China. In Shanghai he is studying Chinese, modeling, and is in the process of setting up a not for profit foundation that deals with women's education. [Craig was recently back on campus and looks fantastic with his usual boundless energy!]

**GNA Garcia '97 (formerly Jeanne R. Greenwell)**, has begun a PhD program in Cognition and Instruction at the University of Connecticut after spending three years as the Coordinator of Student Involvement at Seattle Central Community College.

**Ann Kirwan Horton '97**, and her husband, Daly, are pleased to announce the birth of the newest Horton...Julia Katherine. Ann is on extended leave from her job with American Institute for Research where she manages health communication projects. [Congratulations Ann and Daly!]

**Meryle Freiberg Dunlap '97**, recently got married to Ted Dunlap and is an attorney practicing business law at the firm of McNamee Hosea in Greenbelt, Maryland. [Congratulations Meryle. We're thrilled for you!]

**Brooke Lea Foster '98**, has written her first book entitled *The Way They Were* (published by Three Rivers Press.) It deals with divorce among baby boomers and the impact on their children. Brooke also in on the staff of *The Washingtonian* magazine, where she received the 2005 "Dateline Award" from the Society of Professional Journalists for "Best Feature Story."

**Dr. Janice Fernheimer '98**, reports that she has finished her PhD in English after "eight long years!" Her

concentration was in Rhetoric and the degree is from the University of Texas, Austin. Jan has accepted a position this fall of Assistant Professor of Language, Literature, and Communication at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in Troy, New York. [Congratulations on your persistence Jan, and on the new position!]

**Dr. Kathleen D'Ovidio '98**, graduated in May 2005, with a PhD from Maryland in Food Science. She was hired by Delaware Valley College as an Assistant Professor in the Department of Food Science and Management. She just published her first article, "Aflatoxins in Ginseng Root."

**Hugh McGowan '99**, is living in New York City with his partner, Joe, and their dog named Madison. He works with nonprofit LGBT community agencies doing health related work. Two years ago, he took a "swing" at getting his PhD, but didn't find it nearly as satisfying as he hoped, so he changed direction and started working on an accelerated Masters degree program in nursing last summer. After graduation he hopes to go back to the local community-based health center as a medical provider. In his spare time, both Joe and Hugh are on the local gay and lesbian swim team.

**Meghan Duffy '95**, has finished her second year in the University of California San Diego Sociology PhD program, so she is basically done with the Masters portion. Over the summer, Meghan participated in the AIDS Walk San Diego, a cause for which she is particularly committed, having served last year on the funding collaborative that distributes AIDS Walk funds.

**Heather Praml '99**, graduated from William Paterson University in Wayne, New Jersey, in May 2005, with a Master's degree in Counseling Services. She is currently employed

as a School Counselor for Montville (NJ) Township Public Schools.

**Liza Porteus '00**, is currently the National News Editor for FOXNews.com, the web site for the cable FOX News Channel, in New York City. She's been with FOX for four years, and prior to that she covered high-tech policy for National Journal's Technology Daily in Washington, D.C. She does continue spending much of her free time [???] playing soccer in New York and New Jersey.

**Brian Bender '00**, got married in May 2005, and then purchased a home in South Riding, Virginia. He was recently promoted to Managing Consultant in Navigant Consulting's Vienna, Virginia office, where he works primarily for government contractors.

**Jason Ward '01**, spent last summer on an internship in California with a nonprofit agency that teaches adults how to behave at sports events. [A much needed program, we dare say!!] He drove from the east coast to the west coast and back, and will continue his studies this fall at Duke's graduate school.

**Rachel Smith '01**, is an Assistant Public Defender in the Collateral Review Division of the Maryland Office of the Public Defender in Baltimore.

**Margaret (Maggie) Sheer '01**, moved back to New Orleans in January 2006. She reports that it's "nice to be home again, although the first few months were ..... interesting!" [We are so glad that Maggie is able to regroup after Hurricane Katrina, and wish her and her family continued best wishes.]

**Rebekah Kates Lemke '01**, is married and living in Odenton, Maryland.

**Amy Klempner Epstein '02**, married Jonathan Epstein on June 11,



2006. They then spent a “fabulous” two weeks in South Africa before settling down in Hoboken, New Jersey.

**Abby Vogel '02/'04**, recently received first place in a research competition held by the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development at the National Institutes of Health. The award was based on her doctoral research entitled “Multi-Modality Imaging Techniques to Assess Vascularity in Tumors Associated with Kaposi's Sarcoma.” [WOW, Abby! Congratulations! While we can barely understand every word in your research, we know about the devastation of Kaposi's Sarcoma, and look forward to the impact of your work! Good Luck!]

**Ebony Dashiell '03**, is currently in her third year of a doctoral program at UMCP in Human Development (concentration: Developmental Science/Social Development). She had a great opportunity over the summer when she went to Australia to present a paper at the biennial meeting of the International Society for Social and Behavioral Development. [Well done, Ebony!]

**Hilary Jackler '03**, graduated from law school in May and had a thrilling summer doing nothing “except” studying for the bar exam!!!! She has moved to Bethesda with her fiancé and will be working as an associate at a law firm in DC, Kutak Rock, in

their federal practice group.

**Christina DiNunzio '04**, after biking the canyons in Salt Lake City, Utah, left her position supporting a division of GE Healthcare. She has taken a new job with Miller Brewing Company in Milwaukee in the Marketing Finance Group. [Don't worry Christina - they have skiing in Wisconsin!!]

**David Fried '05**, currently works in the Technology and Entertainment Group of PricewaterhouseCoopers in New York City with clients such as ESPN and Sony Music. Recently he participated in the NYU “Relay for Life.” True to his Maryland heritage, he, along with several other ODKers, “are planning on getting together to watch UMD football games.”

**Alden Gross '05**, is in school at Johns Hopkins University and reports that his dorm room is like the Hyatt compared to Ellicott Hall!!!

**Rebecca Halperin '05**, is now working for the “Today Show” in New York City.

**Matthew Ratz '05**, has completed his Masters of Education degree at Maryland and started teaching English at Poolesville High School this past August.

**Kat Belendiuk '05**, finished her fellowship at the National Institute on Drug Abuse and moved to Pittsburgh in August to start a joint PhD pro-

gram in clinical and health psychology at the University of Pittsburgh. She will be doing research on how childhood disorders like ADHD influence the development of risky and addictive behaviors in adolescence. [What a great area to work with Kat! Best wishes.]

**Jeannette Lopez '06**, will be attending graduate school at Cornell University, studying Industrial and Labor Relations with a focus in Human Resources and Organizations.

**Laura Kennedy '06**, now resides in Arlington, VA, and works at the Kiplinger Letter. She reports that “it's strange to not be back in class at this time of year!”

**Tony Kraft '06**, is now a graduate student in the College Student Affairs program at Penn State and is co advising ODK. ODK at Penn State is currently inactive, and Tony and his supervisor are in the process getting it going again. [Good luck Tony. Penn State ODK has a long and proud history.]

**Joel Willcher '06**, reports that New York City is a blast, but law school requires a lot of reading, so his free time is limited. He says one of my professors is the one from that book 1L that scares everyone out of going to law school. However, he says “on a clear day, the view of the empire state building from the 14th floor terrace of my building is breathtaking.”

## IN MEMORIAM

**Harry Hasslinger '33**, passed away on August 22, 2005. See the article on page 11 in the newsletter.

**William M. Krickler, '33**, passed away on February 23, 2006. Our sympathy is extended to the family.

**Robert Paul Mann '51**, an avid art collector and attorney specializing in criminal and malpractice cases, passed away on April 6, 2006 at his home in Ruxton, Maryland. Bob received his law degree from Maryland and spent a couple of years as a trial magistrate, as well as representing United Steelworkers of America, Local

2609 for many years, before retiring in 1996. Bob and his wife loved to travel, and in the course of their experiences accumulated a large art collection which they donated to the Baltimore Museum of Art and the National Gallery in Washington. During the 1970's they owned and operated Helios, a New York City art gallery. Bob was a past President of Friends of Artists Equity and a member of Friends of the Towson Library and several wildlife organizations. He is survived by his wife, the former Dorothy Neeld and one son. The sympathy of all ODKers is extended to the family.



## 1932-33 ODK PRESIDENT PASSES AWAY

It is with great regret that we report the death of **Harry Hasslinger '33** on August 22, 2005 at the age of 93. Harry has always been one of the greatest supporters of ODK and especially the Sigma Circle. When the ODK Fountain was dedicated in 1997, Harry made remarks and was responsible for revealing the initial engraved granite block on the Fountain. His connections to the University, ODK, his country and the community are extensive and varied.

When Sigma Circle re-instituted the Calvert Cotillion in 2000, Harry and his wife of 69 years, Charlotte, were in attendance. At the time, he commented, "It's interesting that 70 years ago, as President of Sigma Circle, my college sweetheart, Charlotte Farham '34, and I led the Calvert Cotillion, which in those days was the most formal dance on the campus."

Harry was a member of the Class of 1933, whose class gift of "Testudo" is one of the campus' most enduring traditions. In the middle of the Great Depression, the class wanted to do something that might raise the spirits of the students and create an official mascot for the University. At the time, the students were known as "Old Liners" (Maryland is the Old Line State) and "Aggies" (UM grew out of Maryland Agricultural College). ODKer **Harry Byrd** suggested the diamondback terrapin, which is native to the Chesapeake Bay. To raise the money, the class led by Harry Hasslinger, chair of the Prom, decided to hold their prom on campus rather than in a Washington hotel, which was the practice at that time. They added to the fund by selling the Reveille Yearbook (of which Harry was the Editor), canceling publication of the Old Line Magazine, and by seeking donations

from any possible source. A committee then took a live terrapin by train to Providence, Rhode Island, where artist Aristide Cianfarani created the sculpture and the Gorham Manufacturing Company cast the bronze statue. At the dedication of Testudo in May, 1933 on Class Day, he was placed on a pedestal in front of Ritchie Coliseum. But, because of his location, Testudo quickly became a target of theft by rival schools, so the campus filled him with concrete (increasing the weight from 300 to 1000 pounds) and moved him in front of McKeldin Library. The hope was that this would make Testudo a lot safer from those dastardly prank thefts. Most people don't know that the original "Testudo" (the live terrapin taken to Rhode Island as a model and who was probably a female) was given to a taxidermist and is now kept in a sealed display case in Hornbake Library.

As an undergraduate, Harry was also the first President of a new fraternity on campus, Alpha Tau Omega. He maintained his involvement with the fraternity and is the namesake of a scholarship fund providing financial assistance to current members of the chapter.

He was a loyal member of the "M Club" for over 40 years. In 1970, he initiated an annual lacrosse scholarship in memory of his friend **Joe Deckman**, who was also in ODK.

Following graduation, Harry served in the Army for 30 years, reaching the rank of Colonel. He was an enthusiastic patriot for his entire life. In 1998, he received the Gold Patrick Henry Award for Outstanding Patriotism, the highest honor The Military Order of the World Wars can bestow. In 2002, at the 50th Anniversary Banquet of

Patriotic Education, Inc., he was presented with the prestigious "George Washington Millennium Award" for his many years of leadership in promoting constructive citizenship through patriotic education. Patriotic Education, Inc., is a non-profit, non-partisan, non-sectarian, national voluntary organization with a goal of promoting and developing constructive citizenship through patriotic education. He had served on its Board of Trustees for 25 years, including three as Chairman. He was also one of 38 citizens throughout the United States honored by the Freedom Foundation at Valley Forge. In his hometown, he was known for his daily ritual of raising the American flag in front of his home.

Harry and Charlotte also loved to travel. He was particularly thrilled in 2001 to attend the 55th reunion of the XIII Army Corps, in which Harry served in World War II.

Harry never hesitated to take a stand when he felt strongly about an issue. He took great exception to the campus slogan and accompanying caricature created a couple of years ago of "Fear the Turtle." He said that "our class did not give a "Turtle" but a "Terrapin." He also pointed out that Zoology Professor and the Lacrosse Coach at the time, **Dr. R.V. Truitt** (and a member of ODK), said "never call a terrapin a turtle!"

In addition to his wife, Charlotte, Harry is survived by a son, Mark, of Annapolis and a daughter, Carol H. James, of Los Angeles. Harry impacted the lives of many people and institutions over his 93 years. The sympathy of all of ODK is extended to the family of this remarkable man. He will be missed by all of us.

# ALUMNI INFORMATION

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